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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Full Freeway Closure and Other Construction Activities Planned in American Fork

Lane Restrictions and Ramp Closures Could Also Add Extra Travel Time

LEHI, Utah (Oct. 25, 2010) -- For the week of Oct. 25, construction teams on UDOT's Utah County I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) are scheduled to close Interstate 15 in American Fork and add a new ramp restriction, which could cause delays. Lane restrictions will be lifted to bring some construction relief. The following is a brief description of significant I-15 CORE activities this week:

I-15, 500 East American Fork

Both directions of I-15 will be closed at 500 East on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. while crews pour concrete on the south bridge of the new 500 East interchange. Lane restrictions will begin at 9 p.m. While I-15 is closed, the southbound detour is Main Street to State Street to 2000 West to Pleasant Grove Boulevard. Northbound traffic will be diverted through the on- and off-ramps at 500 East.

All northbound ramps at the 500 East I-15 interchange are scheduled to close Friday, Oct. 29, for 20 days. All southbound ramps are currently closed, but are scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, Oct. 27, to avoid a full interchange closure. Access on 500 East over I-15 will remain open during these extended closures. Motorists are advised to use the American Fork Main Street or Pleasant Grove Boulevard interchanges to State Street as alternate routes. Detour maps are available on the I-15 CORE website (udot.utah.gov/i15core).

On 500 East over I-15, drivers can expect flagging operations during the day and full closures of the bridge at night all week as crews build temporary connections to the south half of the new interchange bridge.

I-15, 100 East American Fork to 200 South Lindon

Crews closed one northbound I-15 lane from 100 East in American Fork to 200 South in Lindon for concrete paving on Friday, Oct. 22, for two weeks. The restriction to three lanes on southbound I-15 between American Fork and Lindon is expected to be lifted as early as Wednesday, Oct. 27. UDOT is timing traffic signals to keep State Street as a good alternate to I-15. Heavy delays through peak travel times are expected.

The exact start and completion dates will depend on weather, so drivers are encouraged to check the I-15 CORE website (udot.utah.gov/i15core) for the latest information. To minimize delays, UDOT encourages motorists to TravelWise by carpooling, telecommuting, using alternate routes and shifting travel times to avoid commuting hours. Stay informed by signing up for weekly e-mail updates at udot.utah.gov/i15core, following the project on facebook.com/i15core and twitter.com/i15core and receiving text updates by texting "i15" to 53535.

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Construction activities and dates are subject to change. Dates are weather-permitting and could change with short notice. Please check the I-15 CORE website (udot.utah.gov/i15core) or the project's Twitter feed (twitter.com/i15core) for the latest information.